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West Brompton,
S. W.

20 Nov. 1857.

My dear Sir

I know of nothing to prevent
my meeting you on Monday. It
should, however, be distinctly
understood this exchange of
facsimiles of the first & last
pages must not be allowed
in any way whatever to aid
in any forestalment of my
long cherished design of
giving an entire facsimile

of the Hamlet of 1603. When
I projected my large edition,
I made an urgent application
to the Duke of Devonshire for
permission to do this, but his
Grace in a polite reply stated
he objected to it, & in my first
volume I mentioned his refusal
with regret. My chief object in
giving so large a sum for the
play was to be enabled to
execute this design, & the
Duke, having declined to allow
a facsimile when his copy
was unique, with no doubt

have too much good feeling to
allow me to be anticipated
just when I am enabled to
accomplish my object by my
own exertions. As you may not
be aware of these circumstances,
I think it as well to mention
them, & also to observe I
have already incurred consi-
derable expense towards
completing a facsimile of
the book. Yours very truly

J. O. Halliwell

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